

Based on Amendment 6, the response to Questions and Answers List 6, Question 2 is modified as follows:

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Question:

2. Paragraph 3.1.6 Snow Removal and Ice Abatement requires the contractor to perform these tasks as part of the Basic Services of the fixed price portion of the contract. How can the contractor reasonably estimate the time and materials needed to perform this task since there is no reliable method of forecasting five years of snow and ice accumulations? We recommend that the government contract these services on a time and materials basis as it is currently performed on similar IRS contracts. This will save the government money by paying only for actual services required and eliminating the need for contractors to price for the worst-case scenario.

Answer:

Only the Covington and Ogden sites require a significant amount of snow removal. The Austin site involves merely snow to be removed from their walkways. The five year period would serve to mitigate risk, not increase it. Annual snow accumulations are obtainable for Ogden, UT, Austin TX, and Northern Kentucky. An estimate or average for a five period is more likely to be accurate for a five year period than a one year period. Due to the historical data which should be available and the five year performance period, the amount of risk involved is not deemed to be unreasonable. This answer does not apply to PWS Paragraph 4.1.4 Snow Hauling.